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SUBJ: UNCTAD: SHIPPING: PRE-CONFERENCE MEETING ON CODE
ON LINER CONFERENCES

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SUMMARY: GROUP B (DEVELOPED) COUNTRIES MET NOV 6 TO
DISCUSS ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCE ON CODE OF CONDUCT
FOR LINER CONFERENCES. GROUP B COORDINATOR (MILLER-US)
AUTHORIZED DISCUSS ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS INFORMALLY
WITH SECRETARIAT AND LEADERS OF OTHER GROUPS.
END SUMMARY.

1. NUMBER OF COMMITTEES. FRANCE, NEW ZEALAND, CANADAN
AND NORWAY PREFERRED THREE MAIN COMMITTEES AND US, GERMANY,
AND UK TWO. NO ONE WILLING MAKE ISSUE OF COMMITTEE
STRUCTURE AND COORDINATOR ASKED ASCERTAIN GROUP OF
77 (DEVELOPING COUNTRIES) VIEW. WE UNDERSTAND 77 HAVE
NOT YET DECIDED ON POSITION.

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2. CONFERENCE OFFICERS. COORDINATOR REPORTED SECRETARIAT INFORMED SRIVASTAVA (INDIA) ACCEPTABLE TO GROUP B AS CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN. NETHERLANDS SUGGESTED GROUP B SEEK RAPPORTEURSHIP OF CONFERENCE AND SUGGESTED ANTOUN (US) AS CANDIDATE. MOST DELS AGREED ON RAPPORTEUR BUT SEVERAL ASKED THAT DECISION BE POSTPONED PENDING RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS. GROUP AGREED NOT SEEK CHAIRMANSHIP OF MAIN COMMITTEE BUT WOULD BE WILLING ACCEPT POST IF OTHER GROUPS SO DESIRE. GROUP DID NOT DISCUSS WHETHER GROUP B WOULD BE WILLING DROP DEMAND FOR ANY CONFERENCE OFFICES AS PRICE FOR AGREEMENT ON TWO COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND IN ORDER AVOID CONFLICT RESULTING FROM FIVE GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS VYING FOR ONLY FOUR KEY POSTS.

3. FUNCTIONS OF GENERAL COMMITTEE (GC). REGARDING MALINOWSKI QUERY ON POSSIBLE USE OF GC TO DRAFT FINAL ACT, GROUP AGREED THERE NO NEED DECIDE NOW ON ISSUE WHICH IS MATTER FOR CONFERENCE ITSELF.

4. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (CC). RULES OF PROCEDURE PROVIDE FOR 9 MEMBER CC OR SAME NUMBER AS GA. GROUP AGREED THAT IF MEMBER OF GA CC IS ABSENT FROM CONFERENCE, COUNTRY SHOULD BE REPLACED BY MEMBER FROM SAME GEOGRAPHIC REGION AND WITH SAME VOTING ORIENTATION ON CREDENTIALS ISSUES.

5. GROUP B COORDINATORS. SUBJECT DISCUSSED INFORMALLY. SUGGESTION HAVE REED (NORWAY) TAKE ON ROLE OF GENERAL COORDINATOR DROPPED WHEN NORWEGIAN DEL REPORTED OSLO OBJECTS. SOME SMALLER DELS QUESTIONED WISDOM HAVING TWO NORWEGIANS AS COORDINATORS (I.E., REED AND SELVIG). DUTCH DEL NOW SAYING DEGROOT UNLIKELY BE WILLING TAKE ON JOB AS COORDINATOR FOR COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE OF CODE. AT DUTCH SUGGESTION, GERMAN MISSION ENQUIRING WHETHER HINZ MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED NOV 9 BUT LIKELY BE DECIDED ONLY AT CONFERENCE.
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